

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 13 with

A' This application incorporates in its entirety the disclosure of application number 09/633,786 "Methods And Systems For Evaluating Network Routing Solutions" to Mikkel THORUP Thorup et. al. et al filed August 7, 2000 (~~Attorney Docket No. 1999-0437, 105039~~) and further incorporates the disclosure of application number _____ "Methods And Systems For Fast Optimization Of Network Traffic" to Mikkel THORUP et. al. filed August 7, 2000 (~~Attorney Docket No. 1999-0437B, 106990~~), both herein incorporated by reference in their entirety.